

REMARKS

Preliminary Matters

(1) Applicants note that the Examiner has attached to the Office Action a copy of the PTO/SB/08 form submitted on September 10, 2004 and resubmitted on April 17, 2006, in which he has now initialed the WO reference. While he has now initialed the WO citation, he still has not initialed the non-patent literature references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the non-patent literature references disclosed on September 10, 2004.

(2) Applicants will be submitting an Information Disclosure Statement in the near future based on Japanese Office Actions that have issued recently. If the Examiner has not received this Information Disclosure Statement by the time he is ready to act on this case, he is requested to contact the undersigned accordingly.

Art Rejection

On page 3 of the Office Action, in paragraph 5, claims 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as obvious over Wilshaw (US 6034468).

In response, Applicants note that the Examiner has not commented on the argument that that Wilshaw discloses that a plurality of pores are filled with wires 18 made of metal with emitter cone 20 formed in the wires, while a plurality of fine holes are loaded with fine metal particles in the present invention. Accordingly, Applicants submit again that the structure of the present invention is completely different from

that of Wilshaw in this regard, and request the Examiner's specific comments on this point.


In view of the above, Applicants submit that the present invention is neither anticipated by nor obvious over Wilshaw, and thus withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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